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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, MAY 14.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, trace. Temperature, Max. 78; Min. 70. Weather, fair.



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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, MONDAY, MAY 15, 1905.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

HARRIS WOULD WIELD GAVEL IN CONVENTION

Representative from the Fourth District Said That He Made the Race for Delegate With That in View.

About the only absolutely definite thing that has come out of Saturday's Republican primaries is the candidacy of Representative W. W. Harris for the chairmanship of the convention. This is definite because Mr. Harris announces it himself.

"I made the race for the convention simply with the chairmanship in view," said Mr. Harris Saturday night. "I would not consent to go into the fight unless I could be absolutely unpledged. My candidacy is in the interest of nobody, therefore, and I am not allied with any faction."

"The Fifth district had the chairmanship of the last convention, and so we thought that the Fourth was entitled to it this time."

The name of Mr. Harris was on both tickets in his precinct, and so there was no question about his election at any time. And he has been counted upon as a supporter by both the Crabbe and Brown forces. He says that he is unpledged, and neither side has claimed he has pledged himself—nevertheless, as the lines are beginning to divide, it is extremely probable that it will be pretty well known where Mr. Harris stands before he is assured of the honor of the chairmanship. The chairmanship of a convention, carrying with it much of the power of the organization, is sometimes the deciding factor in a close political campaign.

And that the fight between Brown and Crabbe will be close, goes without saying. It is close already, despite Crabbe's certain and somewhat impressive lead as a result of the primaries. It has been asserted all along by the Brown men that, if Crabbe was not the administration candidate, he was the stalking horse for the administration. Governor Carter, on the other hand, has asserted that he is taking no part whatever in the political fight, and the Governor has shown, in other way, small faith that there will be a county election at all.

So the Governor may be credited with sincerity, and the Brown men with a mere play to make a little capital upon anti-administration sentiment. The whole fight hinges upon the stand that may be taken by Sam Johnson. As between Brown and Crabbe, Johnson has declared that it is hands off. Which declaration has made the talk of a dark horse in the race take more definite shape, perhaps. It is a fact that if Johnson means what he says, the fight is still an open one—nobody's battle until the day of the convention comes. There are pledged delegates and many unpledged—and perhaps some on both sides who can be trusted to break their pledges on slight provocation. And there is always the chance of a stampede.

So, it may be said with truth that the real battle has but just begun—although it has already stirred up a lot of bitterness. It will create more before the convention meets—and would create more yet if anybody were certain that, after all, there would really be an election. The shadow of the county act litigation is over the politicians, all.

ADDITIONAL RETURNS.

The following additional returns were received yesterday, Waianae (5-5) being new only as to the figures:

Fourth district, 3rd precinct: Chas. W. Booth, Robt. N. Boyd, B. J. Wright, J. I. Souza, Chas. N. Marquez, O. Sorenson, S. Kaumoaana, J. Mana, David Kaahanui, A. K. Keao.

Fifth district, 1st precinct: John Tell, W. K. Lelewi, J. Kaohelo, J. Calles.

Fifth district, 5th precinct: C. J. Hoyt, F. Meyer, M. K. Leleo, 54.

THE COUNTY ACT SUBMISSION.

Editor Advertiser: There has been much nonsense talked and written concerning a proposed submission to the Supreme Court, upon an "agreed statement of facts," of the validity of the County Act. From your issue of this

date I glean that the Governor has determined to proceed with such "submission," evidently in the hope that the act will be declared invalid.

As a citizen of the Territory, no less than as a Democrat, I would protest against such interference by the executive, even though the law had vested, (as it has not), the authority in the Governor to take such action. But a moment's reflection must convince any person that the first element of a valid submission of a disputed question of law, upon such agreed statement, is that all the parties in interest to such controversy shall be before the court. If any person having such interest is left out, then such interest is not, and cannot be bound by any decision that may be rendered.

Now, who are the persons in interest in this proposed controversy? Obviously, every citizen and every taxpayer, irrespective of his citizenship, has an interest that must be bound before the county act can be declared invalid. How, then, can the Governor, or any little coterie who oppose "government of the people, by the people, and for the people," even though such coterie have assumed the virtue-breathing title of a "civic Federation," arrogate to themselves the authority to represent the entire body of taxpayers, in this matter, and in such manner as to bind those taxpayers by their acts? How can you, and I, and John Chinaman, and the rest of us be bound by any freak that may suggest itself to the minds of Carter, Castle & Co? Can it be possible that these gentlemen have stopped to consider whether those of us who welcome the small modicum of popular government embraced in our county act will sit by and permit the enemies of that act to submit such "agreed statement of facts" as, in their view, will meet the case, and land a blow in the solar plexus of our first approach to popular government?

The Governor appears to have forgotten (if he ever recognized) the fact that he represents nobody in the affairs of this Territory. It is a pure assumption on his part to suppose that any official function of his is involved in this matter. He has already exhausted his constitutional efforts to defeat popular government, and to retain the grasp upon public affairs which no citizen of the Territory has committed to his hands. Candidly, isn't it time for the Governor to "take a tumble?"

The Democratic party is pledged to popular government in Hawaii, but was defeated by the Republicans, who put forth (without meaning it, apparently), a similar pledge. The Democrats cannot afford to permit any official jugglery in regard to this act—at least while the law shall provide for the intervention of any citizen in the scheme now proposed for the chloroforming of this child of the popular desire.

Any lawyer knows there is a proper and a valid method of testing this act, but that method is not embraced in the program announced by the Governor this morning. Let the enemies of this act abide by the law, which affords sufficient protection to both friends and opponents of this act in their respective efforts to uphold, or to defeat it. Otherwise the Democratic party must be reckoned with.

C. W. ASHFORD.

May 14, 1905.

GEO. A. DAVIS FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

George A. Davis announces himself a candidate for the Republican nomination as county attorney. He said last night:

"You may announce that I will be a candidate for county attorney. And if elected I will enforce the laws to the letter, without regard to party affiliation."

"I consider that I am entitled to consideration from the Republican party. I have been a worker in the party from the start, and it was I who nominated its first chairman."

GEO. W. SMITH FOR SUPERVISOR

An effort is being made by business men to induce George W. Smith, president of the Honolulu Merchants' Association, to run as a Republican candidate for county supervisor.

MANY PEOPLE ENGAGE TO ENTER NEW LIFE

Dr. Ostrom at Hawaiian Opera House Persuades Men and Boys to Confess Their Savior. Afternoon Young People's Meeting.

asked the good churchmen to also stand up with those who had raised their hands, and at this call there was a general response. After another hymn, Dr. Ostrom urged those who now stood to come up to the stage, for he wanted to shake each one by the hand. This required more persuasion, but in the end some boys started the movement and then some men. Finally the whole of Kamehameha School and almost all of Mills Institute responded. It was an impressive sight.

Much of the interest of the evening centered, not only in Dr. Ostrom's masterly address, but in the bass solo by Fred Butler, who rendered "Jerusalem, Jerusalem" in a manner to stir the soul, in the excellent chorus handling by Mr. Hillis, and the singing of a quartet comprising Mr. Butler, Mr. Hillis, Stanley Livingston and R. C. Brown. Upon the stage with Dr. Ostrom were pastors of the various churches, Y. M. C. A. workers, etc.

One of the principal announcements made was that of the Sunday school parade to be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock, starting from Central Union church, the procession to be headed by the Hawaiian Government band. Dr. Ostrom said this parade would follow the custom set by the Sunday schools in Brooklyn, New York and Philadelphia, and would pass through the heart of the city. The first company of boys will meet at Central Union and, headed by the band, will start off the procession. Other companies of children will be picked up at various points, until a great parade is formed. The parade will end in the lot opposite the Young Hotel, where Dr. Ostrom will address the children, Mr. Butler will sing a solo and Mr. Hillis will lead the chorus singing.

Among other announcements was that of the "Good Cheer" meeting to be held at 11 a. m. today at Central Union. No noon meeting. Noon meetings will begin again on Tuesday at the Y. M. C. A. hall, and will be especially directed to men. Dr. Ostrom will speak then on "Which Religion?" Wednesday night at Central Union a big meeting for young people will be held. Dr. Ostrom's subject being: "What do I live for?" Announcement was made of the serving of a lunch at noon to the members of the executive committee having the revival meetings in hand. This will (Continued on Page 7.)

MANUFACTURE OF GAS BEGINS IN HONOLULU

Full Description of Interesting and Elaborate Process—Advent of New Household Fuel and Illuminant Duly Celebrated.

Honolulu now has gas. The first gas manufactured here from crude oil was turned into the big tank of the Honolulu Gas Company at Iwilei yesterday at noon amid considerable ceremony. The modern plant just erected was put to the test by S. C. Lowe, brother of the inventor of the Lowe crude oil high pressure system, who has installed the system. It worked perfectly. The tests will be continued until Wednesday, when Mr. Lowe returns to the coast in the Alameda, to install another and much larger plant at Reno, Nevada. Then it will be turned over to the company, which will be ready to supply gas to whomsoever desires it in the business and residence area already piped.

The gas plant is located at Iwilei, makai of the great nest of crude oil tanks of the Pacific Oil and Union Oil Companies. Already there is the structure covering the boilers, dynamo, blower, generators and other apparatus for making the gas, while near by is one tank for holding gas and another in course of erection. A tank is being installed for the reception of crude oil and the company has options on adjacent land, so that if need be the present plant can be duplicated.

At 12 o'clock yesterday Mr. Lowe supervised the commencement of operations. Walter M. Brown, who is in charge of the company's entire plant at Iwilei, was present, with a force of assistants, mainly Hawaiians. The fires in the furnace of the boilers were started with wood, but in future the fuel will be supplied from the lampblack which is the residue of the crude oil after it has been made into gas. The lampblack is skimmed off the surface of water flowing through the generator, and is one of the savings accruing from the use of oil instead of coal for generating gas.

Among those present to witness the interesting operations were Robert Shingle and A. N. Campbell of the Henry Waterhouse Trust Company; Mr. McPheeter, who has charge of the distribution of gas in the city; Eugene Campbell of the uptown office; Marston Campbell, representatives of the press and men interested in machinery. They were shown the entire apparatus, which has a capacity of 150,000 cubic feet every twenty hours, a gas-making day. The plant consists of a boiler, engines, blower and the generating plant. The latter comprises a combined superheater generator combining a washer, scrubber and condenser, a relief holder of 10,000 cubic feet, two 10x10-foot purifiers and a 50,000 cubic-foot distributing holder. The gas is made entirely of California crude oil. (Continued on page 7.)

WOOD FIGHTS MORO OUTLAW

U. S. Troops Lose Seven Killed and Nineteen Wounded—Rebel Loss Three Hundred.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

MANILA, May 15.—There has been fighting in Zolo for two weeks. Pala, a Moro outlaw, with 600 armed followers, has been defying the regulars under command of General Wood. Pala lost 300, having been surrounded in a swamp by Wood, whose loss is seven killed and nineteen wounded.

NO COAL FOR THE ENEMY.

TOKIO, May 15.—The exportation of coal to Saigon has been stopped for so long as the Russian fleet is in Indo-China waters.

In order to protect mat export the Government has adopted a system of standards in inspection and stamping with penalties for violations.

S. S. SIBERIA HAS SMALLPOX.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—The steamship Siberia has been quarantined on account of smallpox in the steerage.

The P. M. S. S. Siberia sailed from Honolulu on Monday last crowded with saloon passengers, many of them from here.

HENRY VIDA'S PROGRESS.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Kapea, the Honolulu absconder, in custody of Deputy Sheriff Henry Vida, has arrived here in the steamer Cedric.

OPERA SINGER DEAD.

CHICAGO, May 15.—Jessie Bartlett Davis is dead from nephritis.

Jessie Bartlett was born on a farm near Morris, Ill. Her musical education was under Frederick Root, Chicago. She was contralto in the Church of the Messiah in Chicago, and in July, 1879, joined Chicago Church Choir Pinafore Co. in which she gained a reputation as Buttercup. Mme. Bartlett made her Italian debut as Siebel to Mme. Patti's Marguerite in Faust in New York, joined Carleton Opera Co. and later American Opera Co., touring America in both. She studied one season in Paris and then became prima donna contralto with The Bostonians. In 1880 she married Will J. Davis, theatrical manager, Chicago.

CONCESSION TO THE POLES.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 15.—The expected May demonstrations have proved fiascos. Order prevails throughout the Empire. The Czar has sanctioned a law permitting the Poles to purchase land in Poland.

DISASTROUS AUTOBOAT RACE.

TOULON, May 15.—The race of autoboots from Algiers to Toulon has proved disastrous on account of heavy seas. Seven boats entered have been either sunk or disabled.

CHAMPION JEFFRIES RETIRES

CHICAGO, May 15.—James J. Jeffries has retired from the ring on account of rheumatism and lack of opponents.